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#### FEE APPLICATION SUMMARY SHEET

SECOND AND FINAL APPLICATION FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY CULLEN AND DYKMAN LLP AS COUNSEL TO THE DEBTOR FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2022

THROUGH AND INCLUDING SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

March 7, 2022

Name of Applicant:

Name of Client:

Joseph Klaynberg

Authorized to Provide Professional
Services as:

Counsel to the Debtor

Petition Date:

February 11, 2022

March 7, 2022 nunc pro tunc to February 11, 2022

Blended Rate in this Application for all \$731.54 Timekeepers:

Period for which Compensation and
Expense Reimbursement is Requested:

July 1, 2022 to September 18, 2022

Total Requested Compensation for Period: \$250,040.00

Total Requested Expense Reimbursement for Period: \$2,780.88

Compensation Sought in this Application \$202,852.80 Already Paid Pursuant to a Monthly Compensation Order but not yet Allowed:

Expenses Sought in this Application \$2,780.88
Already Paid Pursuant to a Monthly
Compensation Order but not yet Allowed:

Number of Professionals Included in this Application:

Total Compensation and Expenses Previously
Requested: \$282,922.93

Total Compensation and Expenses Previously
Awarded: \$282,922.93

Name, Billing Rate, and Department of
Attorneys Included in this Application:

See Exhibit F

Total Hours: 341.8

This is a second and final fee application.

Time spend in Final Application
Period preparing First Interim
Fee Application:
6.1 Hours

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Cullen and Dykman LLP ("C&D"), bankruptcy counsel to Joseph Klaynberg, the above-captioned debtor and debtor-in-possession (the "Debtor"), hereby submits this second and final application (the "Final Application") seeking entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, granting allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to sections 328, 330 and 331 of chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), Rule 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York (the "Local Rules"), General Order M-447, the *Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for* 

Professionals in Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Case, effective as of January 29, 2013 (the "Fee Guidelines"), and the Court's Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Retained Professionals dated March 11, 2022 (the "Compensation Procedures Order" at Dkt. No. 45), seeking allowance and payment of fees in the amount of \$250,040.00 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$2,780.88 for services rendered and expenses incurred during the period from July 1, 2022 through September 18, 2022, for which no prior application has been considered by this Court (the "Final Application Period"). Pursuant to this Final Application, C&D also requests final authorization of all fees previously awarded on an interim basis. In support of the Final Application, C&D respectfully represents as follows:

#### **Preliminary Statement**

During the Final Application Period, C&D has expended considerable amounts of time, effort, and resources assisting the Debtor's efforts to, among other things, (a) prepare and file with the Court the Debtor's schedules, statements of financial affairs and monthly operating reports and prepare for attendance at the 341 meeting of creditors; (b) begin preparation of the Debtor's chapter 11 plan; (c) prepare and obtain approval of various motions; (d) assist the Debtor with various administrative matters in its case; (e) participate in a mediation with one of the Debtor's creditors, Series 2020A of Nahla Capital LLC ("Nahla") in an effort to resolve the claims between the Debtor and Nahla; and (f) participate in extensive discovery requested by Nahla in the Debtor's case.

Although a trustee was ultimately appointed in this case, C&D respectfully submits that its dedicated efforts during the Final Application Period have provided a substantial benefit to the Debtor's estate. C&D further asserts that many of its efforts subsequent to the appointment of

the trustee were of significant benefit to the estate and C&D's cooperation with the Trustee has certainly saved estate funds. However, it is not seeking allowance or payment of such fees as an administrative claim. Therefore, C&D respectfully requests that this Final Application be approved and paid in its entirety.

#### **Jurisdiction**

1. The Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are sections 328, 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2016, Local Rule 2016-1, and the Fee Guidelines.

#### Background

- 2. On February 11, 2022 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief pursuant to chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 3. The Debtor remained in possession of his property and continued in the operation and management of his business as a debtor-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code until September 19, 2022, at which point Jonathan Flaxer was appointed as the chapter 11 trustee ("Trustee").
- 4. Simultaneously with the filing of his petition, the Debtor filed an Affidavit (the "Klaynberg Affidavit") pursuant to Local Rule 1007-2. A more detailed factual background of the Debtor's business and operations, as well as the events leading to the filing of this chapter 11 case, is more fully set forth in the Klaynberg Affidavit, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

- 5. On March 4, 2022, the Debtor filed an application with the Court to employ C&D as its bankruptcy counsel, which application was approved by the Court on March 7, 2022, *nunc pro tunc* as of the Petition Date.<sup>1</sup> As set forth therein, C&D requests compensation on an hourly basis. Prior to the Petition Date, C&D received a \$50,000 retainer, \$30,415.50 of which was applied to pre-petition services, for a remaining amount of \$19,584.50, which was applied to fees and expenses awarded in the First Interim Application. A true and correct copy of the Order approving the employment and retention of C&D as counsel to the Debtor is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- 6. On March 11, 2022, the Court entered the Compensation Procedures Order which authorizes the filing of interim fee applications at quarterly intervals. C&D filed fee statements monthly in accordance therewith, which statements were approved by the Debtor. Such statements were served upon the Office of the United States Trustee and counsel for Nahla contemporaneously with their filing.
- 7. On July 15, 2022, C&D filed its First Interim Application requesting approval of professional fees in the amount of \$280,699.50 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$2,223.43 for services rendered and expenses incurred during the First Application Period (the "First Interim Application"). By amended order dated August 18, 2022, such fees and expenses were allowed and paid and no amounts were held back. See, **Exhibit H**. The content of the First Interim Application is incorporated herein by reference. This is C&D's second and final request for compensation and reimbursement of expenses in this case. By this Final Application, C&D is seeing approval and payment of additional fees in the amount of \$250,040.00 and expenses in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In addition to C&D, the Debtor has also retained Thaler Law Firm ("TLF") as special adversary proceeding counsel to the Debtor and Tysngauz & Associates, P.C. ("T&A") as special appellate counsel to the Debtor. C&D has taken care to avoid duplication of efforts with TLF and T&A.

the amount of \$2,780.88 incurred during the Final Application Period. In addition, C&D requests approval of all fees and expenses sought in the First Interim Application on a final basis. The Debtor has been provided with the Final Application.

- 8. As set forth in the certification of Matthew G. Roseman, Esq. dated September 5, 2023 (the "Roseman Certification"), attached hereto as **Exhibit C**, this Final Application complies with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules and the Fee Guidelines.
- 9. In accordance with section 504 of the Bankruptcy Code and Rule 2016 of the Bankruptcy Rules, no agreement or understanding exists between C&D and any other person for the sharing of compensation received or to be received for services rendered in or in connection with this case.
- 10. No agreement or understanding prohibited by 18 U.S.C. § 155 has been or will be made by C&D.
- On August 24, 2023, the First Amended Chapter 11 Plan of Liquidation for Joseph Klaynberg was confirmed by the Court.
- 12. Since the Debtor has been replaced by the Trustee, neither the Debtor nor its counsel are aware of whether the Trustee is current on the payment of quarterly fees and the filing of monthly operating reports, the cash on hand in the estate or the amount of accrued and unpaid administrative expenses.

#### **Summary of Services Rendered**

13. As more fully described herein, C&D provided substantial legal services to the Debtor during the Final Application Period. Pursuant to the Fee Guidelines, a summary of the total time expended and amount of compensation sought for each of the project categories is

attached hereto as **Exhibit D**. A listing of the name, title, practice group, and first year of bar admission, if applicable, for each professional person who rendered services to the Debtor, along with a summary of the total hours billed and total amount of billing for each professional, is attached hereto as **Exhibit E**. Attached hereto as **Exhibit F** is a detailed computer-generated summary of the time expended by each professional and the services rendered by C&D as counsel to the Debtor in each category during the Final Application Period. Indicated below are each category and the compensation sought by C&D for services performed on the Debtor's behalf in each category:

1.	General Administration	\$12,415.50
3.	Asset Disposition, Sale or Restructuring	\$52,648.50
4.	Resolution of Creditor Issues	\$20,211.00
6.	Plan and Disclosure Statement	\$44,601.00
8.	Retention of Professionals and Fee Statements	\$15,639.00
9.	Preparation For/Attend Court Hearings	\$22,591.50
10.	Services Relating to Litigation	\$595.50
11.	Motion Practice	\$42,253.00
12.	Operating Reports	\$1,300.50
13.	Disbursements	\$2,780.88
14.	Travel (this is billed at one-half the hourly rate)	\$3,325.00
16.	2004 Motion/Discovery	\$34,319.50

14. During the Final Application Period, C&D has expended a total of 341.8 hours in this matter for total requested compensation of \$250,040.00 at its usual and customary hourly rates. The average blended hourly rate was \$731.54.

- 15. During the Final Application Period, C&D has incurred expenses totaling \$2,780.88. Attached hereto as **Exhibit G** is a summary of the expenses incurred during the Final Application Period for which reimbursement is sought herein. Copying charges are assessed at \$.10 per copy. Reimbursement for those costs, as well as all other disbursements in this case, is sought in accordance with the applicable Local Rules.
- 16. C&D has set forth below a narrative of the legal services provided to the Debtor in order to inform the Court of the legal services rendered to the Debtor by C&D during the Final Application Period. The summary of services performed by C&D is only intended to highlight the general categories of services provided by C&D on the Debtor's behalf. It is not intended to set forth each and every item of professional services that C&D performed for the Debtor. All of the services for which compensation is sought herein were performed for, or on behalf of, the Debtor.

#### Category 1 Chapter 11 Administration

- 17. The first category of services rendered by C&D relates to those services required for the Debtor's general case administration.
- 18. In that regard, C&D performed extensive services relating to the administration of the Debtor's case including as necessary to ensure the orderly administration of the chapter 11 case.
- 19. C&D also assisted the Debtor in responding to inquiries and concerns of various creditors and constituencies, as well as the myriad other issues that arose day-to-day, particularly during the early stages of the chapter 11 case.
  - 20. Services rendered by C&D in the first category of services include:

- Communications with the Court on the logistical matters with respect to the Debtor's bankruptcy filing and hearings;
- Communications and meetings with the Debtor regarding numerous bankruptcy administration issues, motions and hearings;
- Communications with creditors regarding the Debtor's case;
- Review and filing of multiple periodic reports required under Bankruptcy Code and Rules;
- Communications with Nahla regarding, and review of stipulation regarding, the Debtor's insurance policies and exemption; and
- Communications regarding the appointment of the Trustee in the Debtor's case.
- 21. In rendering services relating to this category, C&D attorneys expended 16.1 hours, for requested compensation at their customary and usual hourly rates of \$12,415.50. C&D's blended hourly rate for services rendered in this category is \$771.15.

## Category 3 Asset Disposition or Sales

- 22. The third category of services relates to the sale and disposition of the Debtor's assets. C&D's services resulted in considerable funds being brought to the estate. The services performed in this category include:
  - Preparation of motion to sell Debtor's interest in real property located in Sands Point, NY;
  - Negotiation of contract of sale of Debtor's interest in Sands Point property;
  - Review and prepare reply to Nahla objection to Sands Point sale motion;
  - Review and analysis of gains tax consequences regarding sale of Sands Point premises;
  - Negotiation of escrow agreement regarding transfer taxes;
  - Prepare and/or review closing documents in connection of Sands Point sale;

- Communications with potential purchasers for Connecticut Interests and diligence related thereto;
- Review of proposal for purchase of Connecticut Interests;
- Review and analysis of agreements regarding restrictions on transfer of interests;
- Communications with broker regarding sale of Connecticut Interests, due dilligence process, and sales process; and
- Prepare motions to retain broker, and to sell Connecticut Interests.
- 23. In rendering services relating to this category, C&D attorneys expended 69.2 hours, for requested compensation at their customary and usual hourly rates of \$52,648.50. C&D's blended hourly rate for services rendered in this category is \$760.82.

## Category 4 Resolution of Creditor Issues

- 24. The fourth category of services relates to the Debtor's resolution of certain issues posed by creditors.
  - 25. Services rendered by C&D in this category include:
    - Extensive communications regarding defaults under loan agreements affecting entities for whom the Debtor is a guarantor and review of substantial documents in connection therewith;
    - Review issues attendant to multiple guaranties in bankruptcy case; and
    - Negotiation of issues regarding Wilmington Trust loan documents.
- 26. In rendering services relating to this category, C&D attorneys expended 27.4 hours, for requested compensation at their customary and usual hourly rates of \$20,211.00. C&D's blended hourly rate for services rendered in this category is \$737.63.

### Category 6 Plan and Disclosure Statement

- 27. The sixth category of services relates to C&D's efforts in connection with the Debtor's Plan and Disclosure Statement, which largely formed the basis for the plan filed the Trustee and confirmed by the Court. During the Final Application Period, C&D providing the following services:
  - Strategized the Plan with the Debtor and drafted an initial Chapter 11 Plan of Liquidation and Disclosure Statement;
  - Drafted various amendments to the Plan of Liquidation and Disclosure Statement;
  - Prepared the motion to approve the Disclosure Statement, ballots and notices;
  - Reviewed and analyzed financial projections for the plan;
  - Communicated with the United States Trustee regarding certain provisions in the Plan;
  - Prepared a plan administrator agreement; and
  - Reviewed and analyzed Nahla's disclosure statement objection and prepared a reply thereto.
- 28. In rendering services relating to this category, C&D attorneys expended 58.8 hours, for requested compensation at their customary and usual hourly rates of \$44,601.00. C&D's blended hourly rate for services rendered in this category is \$758.52.

## Category 8 Retention/Professional Compensation/Fee Statements

- 29. The eighth category of services provided by C&D relates to the retention of professionals in the Debtor's bankruptcy proceedings. During the Final Application Period, C&D performed services for the Debtor in this category including the following:
  - Communications with all professionals with respect to monthly fee statements;

- Preparation and filing of all C&D monthly fee statements;
- Review and filing of monthly fee statements for all other professionals;
- Preparation and filing of First Interim Fee Application for C&D; and
- Review and filing of fee applications of Debtor's other professionals.
- 30. In rendering services relating to this category, C&D attorneys expended 20.4 hours, for requested compensation at their customary and usual hourly rates of \$15,639.00. C&D's blended hourly rate for services rendered in this category is \$766.62.

## Category 9 Preparation For/Attend Court Hearings

- 31. The ninth category of services relates to C&D's preparing for and attending hearings on the various matters related to this case.
- 32. C&D prepared for and attended several hearings on behalf of the Debtor in this case during the Final Application Period, including without limitation status hearings, Nahla's derivative standing motion, approval of disclosure statement, sale of Sands Point, Wilmington Trust motion to extend time, and the motion to appoint a chapter 11 trustee.
- 33. In rendering services relating to this category, C&D attorneys expended 29.1 hours, for requested compensation at their customary and usual hourly rates of \$22,591.50. C&D's blended hourly rate for services rendered in this category is \$776.34.

## Category 10 Services Relating to Litigation

- 34. The tenth category of services rendered by C&D relates to litigation matters. C&D expended time performing services in this category during the Final Application Period including the following:
  - Discussions with special counsel regarding discovery in connection with the preference action against Nahla; and

- Communications regarding continuation of pre-petition appeals.
- 35. In rendering services relating to this category, C&D attorneys expended .7 hours, for requested compensation at their customary and usual hourly rates of \$535.50. C&D's blended hourly rate for services rendered in this category is \$765.00.

#### Category 11 Motion Practice

- 36. The eleventh category of services relates to C&D's efforts to prepare motions requesting various forms of relief from the Bankruptcy Court.
- 37. C&D spent considerable time during the Final Application Period reviewing, researching and analyzing issues attendant to the motion for a chapter 11 trustee and prepared an extensive response to such motion including declarations and a memorandum of law. C&D also replied to Nahla's motion for derivative standing and reviewed and analyzed a motion by Wilmington Trust to extend time to object to the dischargability of the debt to Wilmington Trust.
- 38. In rendering services relating to this category, C&D attorneys expended 60.4 hours, for requested compensation at their customary and usual hourly rates of \$42,253.00. C&D's blended hourly rate for services rendered in this category is \$699.55.

## Category 12 Operating Reports

- 39. The twelfth category of services relates to C&D's review and filing of monthly operating reports submitted to the Bankruptcy Court and U.S. Trustee.
- 40. In rendering services relating to this category, C&D attorneys expended 1.7 hours, for requested compensation at their customary and usual hourly rates of \$1,300.50. C&D's blended hourly rate for services rendered in this category is \$765.00.

## Category 13 Disbursements

41. The thirteenth category relates to disbursements expended by C&D during the Final Application Period. C&D has not rendered services in this category. Rather this category is utilized solely for itemizing the expenses for which C&D seeks reimbursement herein.

#### Category 14 Travel

- 42. The fourteenth category of services relates to C&D's travel time relating to its attendance at the depositions in this case. This time is billed at one-half the hourly rate.
- 43. In rendering services relating to this category, C&D attorneys expended 9.0 hours, for requested compensation, at one-half of their customary and usual hourly rates, of \$3,525.00. C&D's blended hourly rate for services rendered in this category is \$391.67.

#### Category 16 2004 Motion

- 44. The sixteenth and final category of services relates to C&D's efforts in connection the 2004 motion filed by Nahla. All of the discovery generated by this category of services has benefited the Trustee.
- 45. C&D performed the following services during the Final Application Period in connection with this matter:
  - Continued production of substantial documents to Nahla and compilation of a privilege log;
  - Communication with Nahla regarding the document production and deposition schedules;
  - Preparation for and attendance at the deposition of the Debtor conducted by Nahla;
  - · Attendance at deposition of Emily Klaynberg; and

- Review of documents requested to be unsealed and communications regarding same.
- 46. In rendering services relating to this category, C&D attorneys expended 49.0 hours, for requested compensation at their customary and usual hourly rates of \$34,319.50. C&D's blended hourly rate for services rendered in this category is \$700.40.

#### **Summary of Application**

47. C&D submits that compensation for the services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred as set forth in this Final Application is reasonable based on: (i) the time and labor required; (ii) the complexity of the legal questions presented; (iii) the skill required to perform the legal services; (iv) the customary compensation for bankruptcy professionals in New York; and (v) the experience and ability of the attorneys providing services. With respect to each of these standards, C&D submits that the compensation requested is reasonable and appropriate.

#### **Applicable Legal Standards**

- 48. Section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides for the compensation of reasonable and necessary services rendered by professionals retained under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code, as follows:
  - (1)(A) reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services rendered by the . . . attorney and by any paraprofessional person employed by any such person; and
  - (B) reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses.

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- (3) In determining the amount of reasonable compensation to be awarded to ...a professional person, the court shall consider the nature, the extent, and the value of such services, taking into account all relevant factors, including
  - (A) the time spent on such services;
  - (B) the rates charged for such services;

- (C) whether the services were necessary to the administration of, or beneficial at the time at which the service was rendered toward the completion of, a case under this title;
- (D) whether the services were performed within a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the problem, issue, or task addressed;
- (E) with respect to a professional person, whether the person is board certified or otherwise has demonstrated skill and experience in the bankruptcy field; and
- (F) whether the compensation is reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in cases other than cases under this title.

#### 11 U.S.C. § 330(a).

- 49. C&D respectfully submits that the hours worked by C&D's personnel were reasonable and necessary given the numerous and oftentimes complex, novel, and intricate issues which arose during this case.
- 50. The rates being charged by C&D are commensurate with, if not less than, those typically charged by other firms in the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York as well as those of other nationally-recognized firms specializing in bankruptcy.
- 51. C&D submits that the professional services for which it seeks compensation and the expenditures for which it seeks reimbursement in this Final Application were necessary and appropriate for the orderly administration of the Debtor's chapter 11 case. The professional services performed by C&D preserved and protected the value of the Debtor's assets for the benefit of all parties-in-interest.
- 52. The services rendered were performed within a reasonable amount of time by professionals with the seniority and skill level commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the problem, issue or task addressed. Whether reviewed individually as to each of

the tasks described above or collectively as a whole, the professional services were performed expediently and efficiently to accomplish the needs of the Debtor in this chapter 11 case.

- 53. Finally, the fact that a Trustee was appointed in this case does not prevent approval and payment of C&D's fees. Indeed, the Bankruptcy Court should consider "whether the services were necessary to the administration of, or beneficial at the time at which the service was rendered toward the completion of, a case under this title." In re Korea Chosun Daily Times, Inc., 337 B.R. 758, 765 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. 2005) (emphasis added); see also In re Polanco, 626 B.R. 12, 23 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. 2021) ("While the lens of hindsight is tempting... '[i]n evaluating the award of professional fees, courts objectively consider whether the services rendered were reasonably likely to benefit the estate from the perspective of the time when such services were rendered" in order to support the "salutary objective that attorneys should not be deterred from undertaking the representation of debtors in bankruptcy cases, including cases that may pose significant challenges and an uncertain outcome, due to a risk of inadequate compensation"); see also In re Wilson, 2022 WL 24058, \*18 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. Jan. 3, 2022); In re Value City Holdings, Inc., 436 B.R. 300, 305 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2010), citing In re Kohl, 431 B.R. 115, 125 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2009).
- 54. "The test is objective, considering the services that a reasonable lawyer would have performed in the same circumstances." *Kohl*, 421 B.R. at 125, *citing In re Ames Dept. Stores, Inc.*, 76 F.3d 66 (2d Cir. 1996); *see also Wilson*, 2022 WL at \*19; *In re Parkview Care and Rehabilitation Center, Inc.*, 2010 WL 3517069, \*5 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. Sept. 7, 2010); *In re CCT Commc'ns, Inc.*, 2010 WL 3386947, \*5 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Aug. 24, 2010).
- 55. "[T]he success or failure of the particular claim or position is not the sole determinant of whether the services in question were ultimately 'necessary and beneficial' to the

debtor or the debtor's estate.... [L]egal services that 'are performed well, with due adherence to an attorney's duties and in the good faith litigation... are 'necessary' and 'beneficial' services for which compensation is owed, regardless of whether the client won or lost the underlying case." Wilson, 2022 WL 24058, at \*19, citing In re Haimil Realty Corp., 579 B.R. 19, 27 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2017).

- 56. Although a Trustee was ultimately appointed here, utilizing the foregoing test it is clear that C&D's services were necessary and beneficial to the Debtor's estate. C&D's efforts to accomplish the sale of the Sands Point property resulted in a substantial sum of money which is now funding the Trustee's investigations and litigations. The chapter 11 Plan that was prepared and filed by C&D as well as the amendments thereto, is essentially the exact same plan that the Trustee has now confirmed. Both plans provided for a sale of the Debtor's assets and litigation of claims of the estate, one by a plan administrator and the other by a liquidation trustee. In addition, C&D performed considerable services in preparing for a sale of the Debtor's equity interests. Although that, too, never came to fruition prior to the appointment of the Trustee, the Trustee has hired his own expert for the same exact purpose.
- 57. Any reasonable lawyer would have similarly participated in the extensive discovery that was served upon the Debtor in this case and would have also objected to the appointment of a Chapter 11 trustee as well as the derivative standing motion filed by Nahla. All of the services performed by C&D during the Final Application Period were therefore for the benefit of the estate at the time at which they were performed. As a result, C&D submits that the displacement of the Debtor as a debtor in possession is not a bar to approval and payment of its fees in this case.

58. Thus, C&D submits that the compensation sought in this Final Application is reasonable and necessary under the applicable standards. Approval of the compensation for professional services and reimbursement of expenses sought herein is warranted. C&D therefore respectfully requests that the Court grant the Final Application.

#### Request for Final Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses from First Interim Application

- 59. C&D also seeks final approval of the fees and expenses sought in the First Interim Application. As set forth above, in connection with the first Interim Application, an amended order was entered by the Court on August 18, 2022 (**Exhibit H**) awarding fees in the amount of \$280,699.50 and expenses of \$2,223.43. The services performed by C&D during the First Application Period are detailed in the First Interim Application and incorporated by reference herein.
- 60. C&D respectfully submits that the time entries filed in connection with the First Interim Application and this Final Application demonstrate the level of service performed by C&D on behalf of the Debtor, the intricacy of the services performed, and the substantial efforts undertaken by C&D for the benefit of the Debtor's estate. Accordingly, by this Final Application, C&D requests that the Court award on a final basis all fees and expenses previously requested in the First Interim Application.

#### Notice

61. Notice of this Final Application has been provided in accordance the Interim Compensation Order and Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Debtor respectfully submits that further notice of this Final Application is neither required nor necessary.

Conclusion

62. C&D has worked diligently during the Final Application Period to help the

Debtor to address a wide array of issues in this case. Accordingly, C&D submits that its services

have provided substantial value to the Debtor's estate and requests that this Final Application be

approved in its entirety.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, C&D respectfully requests that the

Court enter an Order (a) approving C&D's fees in the amount of \$250,040.00 and reimbursement

of expenses in the amount of \$2,780.88 in connection with this Final Application; (b) authorizing

and directing the Trustee's payment of such amounts of the foregoing sums that are unpaid to

C&D in the ordinary course of business within five (5) business days of entry of an order

approving this Application; (c) approving on a final basis all fees and expenses sought in the

First Interim Application; and (d) granting such other relief as the Court deems is just and

proper.

Dated: Uniondale, New York

September 5, 2023

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#### Exhibit A

#### **Proposed Order**

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## ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION FOR ALLOWANCE OF FINAL COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

Upon consideration of the Second and Final Application for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses (the "Final Application") for professional services rendered and expenses incurred during the period commencing July 1, 2022 through September 18, 2022; and a hearing having been held before this court to consider the Application on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023; and notice having been given pursuant to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002(a)(6) and (c)(2) and this Court's *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Retained Professionals* (Dkt. No. 45); and due consideration having been given to any responses thereto; and sufficient cause having been shown therefor, it is hereby

#### **ORDERED** that the Application is granted to the extent set forth in the attached <u>Schedule</u>

<u>"A"</u> .	
Dated: New York, New York, 2023	
	HONORABLE MARTIN GLENN CHIEF UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

[July 1, 2022 to September 18, 2022]

Case No.: 22-10165 (MG) Case Name: Joseph Klaynberg

(10)	Expenses	to be Paid	for	Current	Fee Period	(less	amounts	paid per	monthly	ee	statement)			
(6)	Interim	Expenses	Requested											\$2,780.88
(8)	Total Fees	to be Paid												
(2)	Fees to	be Paid	for	Prior	Fee	Period	(if any)							\$0.00
(9)	Fees to be	Paid for	Current	Fee Period	(less	amounts	paid per	monthly fee	statements)					
(5)	Fees	Awarded												
(4)	Fees	Allowed												
(3)	Interim	Fees	Requested	on	Application									\$250,040.00
(2)	Date/Doc.	No. of	Application	2010										
(1)	Applicant	Ã.										Cullen and	Dykman LLP	

DATE ON WHICH ORDER WAS SIGNED:

INITIALS: USBJ

#### Exhibit B

#### **Retention Order**

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YOR	
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In re:	: Chapter 11
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JOSEPH KLAYNBERG,	: Case No. 22-10165 (MG)
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## ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF CULLEN AND DYKMAN LLP AS COUNSEL TO THE DEBTOR EFFECTIVE NUNC PRO TUNC TO THE PETITION DATE

Upon the application dated February 23, 2022 (the "Application," ECF Doc. # 18)¹ of Joseph Klaynberg, the above-captioned debtor and debtor-in-possession (the "Debtor") for entry of an order, pursuant to section 327(a) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 2014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") and Rule 2014-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York (the "Local Rules"), authorizing the retention and employment of Cullen and Dykman LLP ("C&D") as counsel to the Debtor, effective *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date; and upon the affidavit of Matthew G. Roseman, Esq., a member of C&D, sworn to on February 23, 2022 (the "Roseman Affidavit"), which includes the statement of C&D pursuant to section 329 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 2016; and upon the Affidavit of Joseph Klaynberg, sworn to on February 23, 2022 (the "Klaynberg Affidavit"); the Court finds that the Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, this is a core matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), notice of the Application was sufficient under the circumstances and that no

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

further notice need be given; C&D is "disinterested" and eligible for retention pursuant to sections 101(14) and 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the terms of the engagement are reasonable and appropriate, and the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application, Roseman Affidavit and Klaynberg Affidavit establish just cause for the relief granted herein, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the Application is granted to the extent provided herein; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that pursuant to section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 2014, the Debtor is authorized to employ and retain C&D as its counsel, *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date, on the terms and conditions set forth in the Application and in the Roseman Affidavit; and it is further

ORDERED, that C&D shall be compensated for fees and reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses and shall file interim and final fee applications for allowance of its compensation and expenses pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and in accordance with the Bankruptcy Rules, Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1, the Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in the Southern District of New York, dated November 25, 2009, and in accordance with any Court order establishing procedures for interim or periodic compensation.

ORDERED, prior to any increases in C&D's rates for any individual employed by C&D and providing services in this case, C&D shall file a supplemental affidavit with the Court and provide ten business days' notice to the Debtor, the U.S. Trustee and any parties in interest that have filed a notice of appearance and request for notices. The supplemental affidavit shall explain the basis for the rate increases in accordance with Section 330(a)(3)(F) of the Bankruptcy Code. The U.S. Trustee retains all rights to object to any rate increase on all grounds, including,

but not limited to, the reasonableness standard provided for in Section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Court retains the right to review any rate increase pursuant to Section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that C&D is authorized to perform the following services:

- (a) Advising the Debtor with respect to his power and duties in the continued operation of his business and management of his property as a debtor and debtor-in-possession;
- (b) Taking all necessary actions to protect and preserve the value of the estate of the Debtor and related matters;
- (c) Representing the Debtor before this Court, and any other court of competent jurisdiction, on matters pertaining to its affairs as a debtor and debtor-in-possession;
- (d) Advising and assisting the Debtor in the preparation and negotiation of a plan of reorganization with his creditors and other parties in interest;
- (e) Advising the Debtor in connection with financing matters;
- (f) Advising the Debtor in connection with the sale of his assets;
- (g) Preparing all necessary or appropriate applications, motions, complaints, answers, orders, reports and other legal documents;
- (h) Performing all other legal services for the Debtor that may be desirable and necessary in this Chapter 11 case; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the terms of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry; and it is further

ORDERED, that to the extent the Application and engagement letter are inconsistent

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with this Order, the terms of this Order shall govern; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that C&D shall use its best efforts to avoid duplication of services provided

by any of the Debtor's other retained professionals in this chapter 11 case; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters

arising from the implementation of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED, that C&D shall apply any remaining amounts of its prepetition retainer as a

credit toward postpetition fees and expenses, after such postpetition fees and expenses are

approved pursuant to the first Order of the Court awarding fees and expenses to C&D; and it is

further

ORDERED, that, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Engagement

Letter, any dispute relating to the services provided by C&D shall be referred to arbitration

consistent with the terms of the Engagement Letter only to the extent that this Court does not

have, retain or exercise jurisdiction over the dispute, and 28 U.S.C. § 1334(e)(2) shall govern the

forum for resolving fee disputes.

No Objection:

s/Tara Tiantian

Office of the United States Trustee

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 7, 2022

New York, New York

/s/ Martin Glenn

MARTIN GLENN

Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

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## Exhibit C Certification of Matthew Roseman

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Counsel for the Debtor

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
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In re:	: Chapter 11
JOSEPH KLAYNBERG,	: Case No. 22-10165 (MG)
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# CERTIFICATION IN SUPPORT OF SECOND AND FINAL APPLICATION FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY CULLEN AND DYKMAN LLP AS COUNSEL TO THE DEBTOR FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH AND INCLUDING SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

#### I, Matthew G. Roseman, hereby certify that:

- 1. I am a partner with the applicant firm, Cullen and Dykman LLP ("C&D"), which serves as counsel to Joseph Klaynberg (the "Debtor") in this chapter 11 case, and am admitted to appear before this Court.
- 2. I have reviewed Rule 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York (the "Local Bankruptcy Rules"), General Order M-447, the *Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in the Southern District of New York*, amended as of June 17, 2013, promulgated pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(a) (the

"Fee Guidelines"), and the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation*, entered March 11, 2022 [Docket No. 45] (the "Order," together with the Fee Guidelines, the "Guidelines").

- 3. This certification is made in respect of compliance with the Guidelines in connection with C&D's application (the "Application") dated September 5, 2023, for final compensation and reimbursement of expenses for the period commencing July 1, 2022 through and including September 18, 2022 (the "Final Application Period").
  - 4. In respect of Section B.1 of the Fee Guidelines, I certify that:
    - a. I have read the Application;
    - b. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the fees and disbursements sought fall within the Guidelines;
    - c. The fees and disbursements sought in this Application are billed at rates and are in accordance with practices customarily employed by C&D and are generally accepted by C&D's clients; and
    - d. In providing reimbursable service, C&D does not make a profit in its performance of reimbursable services, whether the service is performed inhouse or through a third party.
- 5. In respect of Section B.2 of the Fee Guidelines, I certify that in accordance with the Order, C&D filed fee statements monthly in accordance therewith by the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the succeeding month, which statements were approved by the Debtor. Such statements were served upon the Office of the United States Trustee and counsel for Nahla (with the final statement also served on the chapter 11 Trustee) contemporaneously with their filing. The statements included the amount of fees and out-of-pocket expenses incurred, lists of professionals and paraprofessionals providing services, their respective billing rates, the work hours expended by each individual, descriptions of services rendered, and a reasonably detailed breakdown of out-of-pocket expenses incurred.

6. In accordance with Section B.3 of the Fee Guidelines, I certify that C&D

provided copies of this Application to the Debtor, the chapter 11 trustee and the United States

Trustee, at least 14 days before the date for the hearing scheduled to approve sale, and that the

Debtor has approved the amount sought in the Application.

7. In accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 2016(a) and section 504 of the Bankruptcy

Code, I certify that no agreement or understanding exists between C&D and any other entity for

the sharing of compensation received or to be received for services rendered in or in connection

with the above cases except as authorized pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy

Rules, and the Local Bankruptcy Rules. All services for which compensation is sought were

professional services on behalf of the Debtor and not on behalf of any other person.

Dated: Uniondale, New York September 5, 2023

CULLEN AND DYKMAN LLP

By:

s/ Matthew G. Roseman

Matthew G. Roseman, Esq.

Bonnie Pollack, Esq.

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Counsel for the Debtor

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Exhibit D

Project Category Summary

Matter No.	Project Category	Hours	Fees
1	Chapter 11 Administration	16.1	\$12,415.50
3	Asset Disposition, Sale or Restructuring	69.2	\$52,648.50
4	Resolution of Creditor Issues	27.4	\$20,211.00
6	Plan and Disclosure Statement	58.8	\$44,601.00
8	Retention of Professionals and Fee Statements	20.4	\$15,639.00
9	Preparation for/Attendance at Court Hearings	29.1	\$22,591.50
10	Services Related to Litigation	.7	\$535.50
11	Motion Practice	60.4	\$42,253.00
12	Operating Reports	1.7	\$1,300.50
14	Travel (this is billed at one-half hourly rate)	9.0	\$3,525.00
16	2004 Motion	49.00	\$34,319.50
	TOTAL	341.8	\$250,040.00

Exhibit E

#### **Professionals Summary**

Name	Title	Department	Admission Year	Rate	Hours Billed	Amount Billed
Matthew Roseman	Partner	Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights	1989	\$820.00	53.9	\$42,968.00
Bonnie Pollack	Partner	Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights	1990	\$765.00	245.4	\$185,436.00
Bozena Diaz	Partner	Corporate	2005	\$630.00	3.4	\$2,142.00
Elizabeth Usinger	Partner	Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights	2008	\$585.00	2.0	\$1,170.00
Michelle McMahon	Partner	Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights	2000	\$715.00	15.0	\$10,725.00
Michael Kwiatkowski	Of Counsel	Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights	2011	\$450.00	11.5	\$5,175.00
Kelly McNamee	Law Clerk			\$200.00	6.8	\$1,360.00
Michelle Artilles	Law Clerk	7 <u>2</u>		\$280.00	3.8	\$1,064.00

### Exhibit F

### Time Records



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JOSEPH KLAYNBERG September 5, 2023

For Professional Services Rendered Through September 18, 2022:

File Number: 22420-1 Control Number 7035286

RE: GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
7/11/22	BLP	Emails with chambers re hearing date for various motions	.20	153.00
7/11/22	BLP	Lengthy discussion with A. Thaler re plan, adversary proceeding strategy and case strategy	.70	535.50
7/13/22	BLP	Further comms with court re hearing date for various hearings	.20	153.00
7/15/22	BLP	Letter to court with all filings (.3); conference re service of all documents and review of AOSs for filing (.3)	.60	459.00
7/25/22	BLP	Review and respond to emails with UST re plan and fee applications	.20	153.00
7/28/22	BLP	Prepare and file supplemental disclosures re Valley National Bank	.60	459.00
7/28/22	BLP	Lengthy discussion with client re Laz proposal, deposition prep, sales of interests	.40	306.00
7/28/22	MGR	Review supplemental disclosure and provide comments	.50	410.00
8/05/22	BLP	Discussion with MR in preparation of call with client all matters in case (.3); lengthy discussion with client re status of case, 8/17 hearings, depositions, sales, etc. (.5)	.80	612.00
8/08/22	BLP	Lengthy discussion with client re amendments to plan, options, sale of interests	.80	612.00
8/08/22	BLP	Emails with UST and interested parties with amended documents (.2); letter to court with documents (.2)	.40	306.00

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
8/10/22	BLP	Lengthy discussion with B. Procida re claim, oversight committee, 114 MS negotiations, status of all motions (.3); emails with Nahla re evidentiary hearings (.2)	.50	382.50
8/17/22	BLP	Discussions after hearing with F. Stevens re sale motion, case (.3); discussion with client re outcome of hearing, go forward process (.2)	.50	382.50
8/17/22	MGR	Conf w/ B Pollack regarding litigation/case strategy moving forward regarding plan/sales process	.60	492.00
8/18/22	BLP	Discussion with client re motions filed in case (.2); discussion with A. Thaler re outcome of hearing, case going forward (.2)	.40	306.00
8/22/22	BLP	Lengthy discussion with client re motions in case and responses to same	1.70	1,300.50
8/23/22	BLP	Discussion with client re projections for distributions of entities if remain in possession of same and review projections sent	.40	306.00
8/24/22	BLP	Discussion with S. Flynn re projections, assumptions	.30	229.50
8/24/22	BLP	Comms re Nahla questions on life insurance policies	.20	153.00
8/25/22	BLP	Comms with A. Thaler (.2), client (.2) and email to R. Rich (.2) re response to questions on life insurance policy	.60	459.00
8/26/22	BLP	Comms with Nahla re extension of time only for insurance exemption issues (.2); review and approve stipulation re same (.2)	.40	306.00
8/29/22	BLP	Emails with accountants re updated periodic reports, time frame, etc.	.30	229.50
8/29/22	BLP	Meeting with client re all motions, sale of equity and terms of sale, 114 MS loan negotiations	1.40	1,071.00
8/29/22	BLP	Discussion with R. Rich re life insurance policy issues, reservation of rights, request for written stipulation from him	.20	153.00
8/30/22	BLP	Review periodic reports and email to client re same	.40	306.00
9/01/22	BLP	Review final periodic reports and file same	.30	229.50
9/09/22	BLP	Revise insurance exemption stipulation from Nahla	.30	229.50
9/13/22	BLP	Emails with R. Rich re insurance exemption stipulation	.20	153.00
9/14/22	BLP	Discussions with A. Thaler, A&G and M. Bunin re outcome of hearing	.50	382.50
9/14/22	BLP	Discussion with UST re hearing, trustee selection (.2); conference with MR re case going forward (.3)	.50	382.50

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September 5, 2023

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
9/14/22	MGR	Conf w/ client and B Pollack regarding appointment of a trustee and related issues	.70	574.00
9/15/22	BLP	Comms with accountant and special counsel re trustee, case	.30	229.50
		TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$	12,415.50
		TOTAL THIS MATTER	\$	12,415.50

Control #: 7035286 September 5, 2023

### RE: ASSET DISPOSITION, SALE OR RESTRUCTURE

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
7/05/22	BLP	Comms with Connecticut entity counsel re status of offer for interests	.20	153.00
7/05/22	BD	Attention to / review marital agreement to determine capital gains tax issues re: sale	.70	441.00
7/06/22	BLP	Discussion with B. Diaz re gains tax research and results	.30	229.50
7/06/22	BD	Research gains tax issues re dispositions of property for capital gains issues in connection with divorce	2.40	1,512.00
7/06/22	BD	Discuss gains tax issues with Bonnie Pollack	.30	189.00
7/07/22	BLP	Work on sale motion for Sands Point	1.60	1,224.00
7/07/22	BLP	Conference with M. Roseman re Sands Point sale issues, Chase mortgage, etc. (.3); discussion with F. Stevens re contract of sale, closing timing, Chase (.3)	.60	459.00
7/07/22	BLP	Conferences with C. Mullen re contract for Sands Point, issues to revise	.30	229.50
7/07/22	BLP	Work on motion for sales process for equity interests	2.10	1,606.50
7/08/22	BLP	Continued work on Sands Point sale motion	.90	688.50
7/11/22	BLP	Work on sale motion (Sands Point)	.90	688.50
7/12/22	BLP	Work on Sands Point contract	1.40	1,071.00
7/12/22	BLP	Revisions to Sands Point motion re contract provisions	.30	229.50
7/12/22	MGR	Review sales motion	.50	410.00
7/13/22	BLP	Review buyer changes to contract (.2); conference with C. Mullen re same (.2); emails with buyer counsel re same (.12	.60	459.00
7/14/22	BLP	Emails with buyer counsel nd client re contract execution and deposit (Sands Point) (.2); discussion with client re sale issues for all assets (.3)	.50	382.50
7/14/22	BLP	Finalize Sands Point sale motion	.50	382.50
7/20/22	BLP	Lengthy discussion with S. Consoli and J. Beck re sale of Connecticut interests and terms of proposal re stalking horse bid	.50	382.50
7/21/22	BLP	Discussion with counsel to Chase re motion to sell, treatment of claim in case	.20	153.00

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
7/21/22	BLP	Email to Emily Klaynberg counsel re payment of Chase mortgage	.10	76.50
7/26/22	BLP	Discussion with Hilco re proposed equity sale process and retention potential	.50	382.50
7/26/22	BLP	Discussion with F. Stevens re demand to pay Chase mortgage, Chase issues	.30	229.50
7/26/22	MGR	Conf regarding satisfaction of Chase mortgage by Emily as condition to closing	.30	246.00
7/26/22	MGR	Review and discuss emails concerning sales process of ownership interests	.50	410.00
7/27/22	MGR	Review materials from Hilco regarding sale of equity interests (.3); Discuss same w/ B Pollack (.2)	.50	410.00
7/28/22	BLP	Several comms with Chase and F. Stevens re Chase issues with sale, plan, payment of mortgage by Emily needed, need to modify contract re same	.90	688.50
7/28/22	BLP	Review Laz proposal for certain interests in greater depth (.3); discussion with J. Beck and S. Console re questions re same (.3)	.60	459.00
8/01/22	BLP	Prepare amendment to Sands Point contract (.5); several emails with Chase and F. Stevens re same (.4)	.90	688.50
8/01/22	BLP	Revise sale order re Chase changes (.2); emails with Chase and F. Stevens re same (.2)	.40	306.00
8/01/22	BLP	Comms with client re amendments to contract, order (.2); file all amendments with court and letter to court re same (.3)	.50	382.50
8/01/22	BLP	Discussion with Hilco re sale of interests, issues with same	.30	229.50
8/01/22	MGR	Review proposed changes to contract for sale of residence; discuss same w./ B Pollack	.30	246.00
8/01/22	MGR	Phone conf w/ J Hubbard of A & G regarding potential engagement to sell interests of debtor	.40	328.00
8/01/22	MGR	E-emails w/ J Parker of Hilco regarding potential engagement to market assets	.30	246.00
8/02/22	MGR	E-mail and phone conf w/ J Hubbard of A & G Realty regarding conducting sales process for debtors minority interests in RE companies	.60	492.00
8/03/22	MGR	E-mails w/ J Hubbard of A $\&$ G Realty regarding nature of sales process and role of A $\&$ G	.20	164.00

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
8/04/22	MGR	Phone conf w/ J Hubbard regarding sales process of minority interests in RE companies	.30	246.00
8/05/22	BLP	Call with MR and broker re sale process, background, documents, strategy	.30	229.50
8/05/22	MGR	Conf call w/ A & G Realty ( J Hubbard and E Amendola) w/ B Pollack regarding sales process for minority interests of debtor in real estate projects	.50	410.00
8/05/22	MGR	Follow up call w/ J Hubbard regarding sale of minority interests and supporting documents	.30	246.00
8/08/22	BLP	Review and emails with client regarding A&G engagement proposal	.40	306.00
8/08/22	MGR	Review retention proposal and discuss same with J J Hubbard of A & G	.60	492.00
8/09/22	BLP	Chart out equity interests for sale process	.90	688.50
8/10/22	MGR	Review NAHLA objection to sale of Sands point residence .	.50	410.00
8/11/22	BLP	Review objection to sale motion	.40	306.00
8/11/22	BLP	Prepare reply to objection to sale motion	3.70	2,830.50
8/11/22	BLP	Discussion with F. Stevens re objection to sale and hearing on same	.30	229.50
8/11/22	MGR	Review reply to NAHALA objection to sale of sands point residence and discuss w/ B Pollack	.50	410.00
8/11/22	MGR	Research sub rosa plan issue raised in NAHLA objection and email B Pollack and M Kwiatkowski regarding same	.70	574.00
8/12/22	BLP	Finalize sale reply papers	.30	229.50
8/12/22	MGR	E-mails regarding A & G retention	.30	246.00
8/15/22	BLP	Discussion with Chase counsel re sale motion and hearing (.2); review Emily statement re sale motion (.3)	.50	382.50
8/19/22	MGR	Phone conf w/ J Hubbard re engagement and related issues concerning sale of interests in entities	.40	328.00
8/22/22	BLP	Work on motion to sell interests	1.20	918.00
8/22/22	BLP	Discussion with J.Hubbard re stalking horse issues (.2); discussion with M. McMahon re sale strategy (.2)	.40	306.00
8/23/22	BLP	Continued extensive work on motion to sell interests and bid procedures	2.80	2,142.00

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
8/24/22	BLP	Extensive work on sale procedures and motion	2.30	1,759.50
8/24/22	BLP	Revise sale order per county request and emails with county re same	.30	229.50
8/26/22	BLP	Review order to sell Sands Point (.1); comms with M. Roseman and F. Stevens re same, title, closing documents (.4)	.50	382.50
8/29/22	BLP	Discussion with C. Mullin re Sands Point closing documents, closing	.20	153.00
8/29/22	BLP	Comms with broker re bid procedures (.2); follow up discussion with brokers re procedures, consents, motion terms, etc. (.3)	.50	382.50
8/29/22	MGR	Review bidding procedures and discuss same with B Pollack	.60	492.00
8/30/22	BLP	Work on motion to retain broker	1.80	1,377.00
8/30/22	BLP	Continued work on sale motion for equity interests	1.90	1,453.50
8/30/22	BLP	Continued review and preparation of consent section needed for sale motion	.90	688.50
8/30/22	BLP	Work on bid procedures order re equity interests	.60	459.00
8/30/22	MGR	Review revised bid procedures and discuss process w/ B Pollack	.60	492.00
8/31/22	BLP	Continued work on broker motion	1.00	765.00
8/31/22	BLP	Draft form contract for equity interests	1.90	1,453.50
8/31/22	BLP	Discussion with C. Mullin re closing for Sands Point, timing, etc.	.20	153.00
8/31/22	BLP	Continued work on sale order, procedures order and notice of auction	1.10	841.50
8/31/22	BLP	Extensive work on reviewing and preparing consents section for sale motion	1.20	918.00
8/31/22	MGR	Phone conf w/ J Hubbard regarding information needed for sales process	.40	328.00
8/31/22	MGR	Review and provide comments to revised bid procedures and sales order	.50	410.00
8/31/22	MK	Legal research regarding need for time records w/ broker	.90	405.00
8/31/22	MK	Prepare draft revision to retention application	.50	225.00
9/01/22	BLP	Continued review of documents and finalization of restrictions to transfer	3.30	2,524.50
9/01/22	BLP	Revise all sale motion documents	1.70	1,300.50
9/01/22	BLP	Discussion with client re all sale motion papers (.2); discussions with broker re process, comments, etc, (.4)	.60	459.00

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
9/01/22	MGR	Phone conf w/ J Hubbard of A & G Realty regarding assignment and retention issues	.40	328.00
9/01/22	MGR	Conf w/ B Pollack regarding anti assignment issues relating to minority interests	.50	410.00
9/02/22	BLP	Revise and finalize broker motion and sale motion	2.90	2,218.50
9/02/22	BLP	Discussion with broker counsel re retention motion, sales process	.20	153.00
9/02/22	MGR	Phone conf w/ J Hubbard regarding sales process	.40	328.00
9/06/22	BLP	Comms with F. Stevens re deal documents	.20	153.00
9/07/22	BLP	Several emails re Sands Point closing documents	.30	229.50
9/09/22	BLP	Review and comment on UST comments to A&G retention and emails with A&G counsel re same	.40	306.00
9/09/22	BLP	Several comms with F. Stevens and client re Sands Point closing documents, logistics of closing	.50	382.50
9/09/22	BLP	Review and comment on escrow agreement in connection with closing (.4); revise agreement per discussions re same (.3)	.70	535.50
9/09/22	BLP	Comms with F. Stevens and C. Mullin re escrow agreement provisions	.40	306.00
9/11/22	BLP	Comms re Chase payoff for closing	.20	153.00
9/12/22	BLP	Discussion with M. Bunin re questions re sales process for equity (.2); comms with F. Stevens and client re SP closing documents (.2)	.40	306.00
9/13/22	BLP	Letter to F. Stevens with all closing documents	.30	229.50
9/15/22	BLP	Discussion with Emily counsel re satisfaction, closing documents	.20	153.00
		TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$	52,648.50
		TOTAL THIS MATTER	\$ !	52,648.50

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### RE: RESOLUTION OF CREDITOR ISSUES

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
7/14/22	BLP	Review proposed prenegotiation letter re 114 MS obligations (.2); conference with M. Roseman re ability to execute, issues re same (.2)	.40	306.00
7/14/22	BLP	Review estate issues attendant to restructuring of CRDA obligations	.30	229.50
7/14/22	BLP	Comms with client re various restructuring issues regarding equity interests, impact on estate and interplay with same	.40	306.00
7/15/22	BLP	Conference with M. McMahon re 114 MS pre-negotiation letter and issues and strategy re same	.50	382.50
7/15/22	MKM	Teleconference with B. Pollack regarding creditor issues on guarantees	.40	286.00
7/15/22	MKM	Review notices and draft prenegotiation letter and email B. Pollack regarding same.	.60	429.00
7/19/22	BLP	Discussion with M. McMahon re issues with Rialto prenegotiation letter, and advise for client re same, further issues which may arise re matter (.4); email to client re advise on issue (.1)	.50	382.50
7/19/22	MKM	Teleconference with B. Pollack regarding prenegotiation letter, guaranty claim and loan workout.	.40	286.00
7/20/22	BLP	Discussion with M. Bunin re Valley debt, requested reinstatement, etc.	.20	153.00
7/21/22	BLP	Discussion with B. Procida re Wilmington Trust claim, case, plan administrator, pre-negotiation letter from Rialto	.50	382.50
7/21/22	BLP	Further emails with B. Procida re negotiations on 114 MS debt	.20	153.00
7/26/22	BLP	Review Morgan Stanley notice issues for claim allowance purposes	.40	306.00
7/27/22	BLP	Continued review of 114 MS guaranty/notice issues (.3); emails with B. Procida re same, call re claim, PA issues (.2)	.50	382.50
7/28/22	BLP	Brief review of Spectra refi documents (.3); comms with M. McMahon re thorough review of same, issues, strategy (.4)	.70	535.50
7/28/22	BLP	Discussion with B. Procida re claim, STN issues	.20	153.00
7/28/22	MKM	Review amended loan documents and teleconference with B. Pollack.	1.00	715.00
7/29/22	MKM	Review loan modification documents.	4.40	3,146.00

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
8/02/22	BLP	Lengthy discussion with M. McMahon re Hartford restructure documents, issues for estate	.80	612.00
8/02/22	BLP	Review and revise email to Connecticut counsel re issues with and comments to restructuring documents	.30	229.50
8/02/22	MKM	Teleconference with B. Pollack regarding loan modification issues; prepare summary for replacement guarantor's counsel regarding potential issues/ changes.	1.90	1,358.50
8/03/22	MKM	Respond to questions regarding revisions to Spectra loan modification documents.	.40	286.00
8/04/22	MKM	Review communications and operating agreements regarding proposed winddown of sponsor projects.	.40	286.00
8/05/22	BLP	Discussion with M. McMahon re 111 Fulton lender requests, questions	.20	153.00
8/05/22	MKM	Teleconferences with B. Pollack and J. Klaynberg regarding 111 Fulton transaction (.5); prepare summary of same for B. Pollack (.3)	.80	572.00
8/10/22	BLP	Conference with MR re Wilmington Trust issues	.20	153.00
8/11/22	BLP	Review and respond to emails re PNC release of 111 Pearl guaranties	.40	306.00
8/12/22	BLP	Review email from B. Procida re WT dischargeability issues (.2) and discussion with M. Roseman re same (.3)	.50	382.50
8/12/22	BLP	Discussion with R. Banich and B. Procida re WT issues re dischargeability	.40	306.00
8/15/22	BLP	Discussion with client re WT issues and background	.30	229.50
8/16/22	BLP	Review comms re 114 MS loan documentation re issues in case (.3); emails with B. Procida re same (.2); emails with client re same (.2)	.70	535.50
8/16/22	MKM	Review amendment to operating agreement and prepare summary of same for B. Pollack; email with client regarding same.	.90	643.50
8/17/22	BLP	Comms with B. Procida and client re motion proposed by WT and allegations made	.80	612.00
8/17/22	BLP	Research re issues attendant to WT claims in case	.50	382.50
8/19/22	MKM	Review PNC revisions to 111 Pearl amendments.	.50	357.50
8/20/22	BLP	Emails re Connecticut PNC documents and issues with releases in same	.30	229.50
8/22/22	BLP	Discussion with M. McMahon re releases in Connecticut matters, strategy in light of motions in case	.20	153.00

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
8/22/22	MKM	Teleconference with B. Pollack regarding revisions to releases.	.10	71.50
8/23/22	BLP	Comms with R. Rich re Connecticut release issues (.2); comms with client and M. McMahon re same (.2) $$	.40	306.00
8/23/22	MKM	Review release documents and prepare summary of same.	2.40	1,716.00
8/25/22	BLP	Discussions with R. Rich (.2); M. McMahon (.3) and MM and Connecticut counsel (.2) re release issues, 9019 motions, etc.	.70	535.50
8/25/22	MKM	Teleconferences with B. Pollack and L. Bortolan regarding loan amendments.	.80	572.00
8/26/22	BLP	Comms with Connecticut counsel re objection to claims once guaranties released	.20	153.00
8/30/22	BLP	Lengthy discussion with J. Schecter (representing 114 MS) re discussions with Rialto, effect on estate, etc. (.3); review and respond to email re documents requested by Rialto (.2)	.50	382.50
9/01/22	BLP	Discussion with S. Rosen (counsel to M&T) re Spectra 111 loan restructure issues	.20	153.00
		TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$	20,211.00
		TOTAL THIS MATTER	\$ :	20,211.00

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### **RE: PLAN & DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
7/05/22	BLP	Continued extensive drafting of plan	4.90	3,748.50
7/06/22	BLP	Revise proposed plan	2.40	1,836.00
7/06/22	BLP	Comms with M. Roseman re questions on plan, strategy re same	.50	382.50
7/06/22	MGR	Conf w/ B Pollack to review comments to plan	.50	410.00
7/07/22	BLP	Revise and circulate draft plan for discussion with Debtor and Special Counsel	.90	688.50
7/11/22	BLP	Discussions with client re plan, comments, concepts	.80	612.00
7/11/22	MGR	Conf call w/ client regarding marketing professionals for asset classes	.50	410.00
7/13/22	BLP	Work on preparation of disclosure statement in case	2.60	1,989.00
7/13/22	BLP	Revisions to plan	.90	688.50
7/13/22	BLP	Comms re disposable income analysis needed for disclosure statement (.2); review claims and calculate distributions for disclosure statement purposes (.3)	.50	382.50
7/13/22	MGR	Review revisions to plan	.50	410.00
7/14/22	BLP	Extensive work on disclosure statement and attachments to same	3.70	2,830.50
7/14/22	BLP	Prepare motion to approve disclosure statement with order, ballot and notice	1.60	1,224.00
7/14/22	BLP	Discussion with accountants re disposable income projections for disclosure statement	.30	229.50
7/14/22	MGR	Review and make comments and revisions to disclosure statement	2.00	1,640.00
7/14/22	MGR	Conf w/ B Pollack regarding comments to disclosure statement and revisions	.70	574.00
7/14/22	MGR	Review comments to disclosure statement from A Thaler	.30	246.00
7/15/22	BLP	Extensive work to finalize plan, disclosure statement, liquidation analysis	4.10	3,136.50
7/15/22	BLP	Call with client and accountants re disposable income projections (.4); review and comment on exhibit for plan re same (.3)	.70	535.50

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
7/20/22	BLP	Discussion with A. Thaler re outcome of STN hearing, next steps re plan (.3); conference with M. Roseman re same (.3)	.60	459.00
7/20/22	MGR	Discuss amending plan and disclosure statement with B Pollack based upon court record and follow up communication with UST	.60	492.00
7/27/22	BLP	Emails with UST re certain plan provisions (.2); emails with client re sale provisions of plan and amendment needed to same (.2)	.40	306.00
8/01/22	BLP	Several conferences with M. Roseman and review of documents strategizing plan administrator/litigation trust issues	1.20	918.00
8/01/22	BLP	Discussion with Valley counsel and email to WT counsel re litigation trust concept and trust board	.30	229.50
8/02/22	BLP	Draft plan amendment and review of ancillary documents for use re same	2.40	1,836.00
8/02/22	BLP	Discussion with B. Procida re plan administrator/trust concepts	.20	153.00
8/02/22	MGR	Review litigation trust and plan administrator oversight committee structure regarding amendments to Plan	1.30	1,066.00
8/03/22	BLP	Discussion with M. Bunin and emails with B. Procida re plan administrator oversight board	.40	306.00
8/03/22	MGR	Conf w/ B Pollack regarding structure of plan and use of an oversight board for plan administrator	.40	328.00
8/05/22	BLP	Work on amended plan	1.50	1,147.50
8/05/22	MGR	Conf call w/ J Klaynberg and B Pollack regarding update concerning plan structure and deposition of E Klaynberg	.50	410.00
8/06/22	BLP	Continued work on plan amendments and send to client for review	.50	382.50
8/06/22	BLP	Draft Plan Administrator agreement and send to client for review	3.30	2,524.50
8/08/22	BLP	Draft DS amendments	.90	688.50
8/08/22	BLP	Finalize and file all amendments to plan, DS and plan admin agreement	1.20	918.00
8/10/22	MGR	Review NAHALA objection to disclosure statement	.70	574.00
8/11/22	BLP	Review DS objection	.60	459.00
8/11/22	MGR	Review reply NAHLA objection to disclosure statement and discuss comments with B Pollack	1.00	820.00
8/11/22	MK	Legal research regarding disclosure statement objection	1.70	765.00

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
8/11/22	MK	Draft insert for inclusion in reply on approval of disclosure statement	1.50	675.00
8/12/22	BLP	Continued review of DS issues and prepare reply to DS objection	4.10	3,136.50
8/12/22	MGR	Review revised reply to disclosure statement objection and provide comments	.80	656.00
8/15/22	BLP	Review and respond to emails with UST re further changes to DS (.3); letter to court re additional agreed changes to same (.3)	.60	459.00
8/18/22	BLP	Amendments to plan and DS (and review objection again re same)	1.40	1,071.00
8/18/22	MGR	Review and provide comments to revised plan and discuss same w/ B Pollack	1.20	984.00
8/19/22	BLP	Comms with client re Plan and DS changes (.2); finalize and file amended documents and email to chambers re same (.5)	.70	535.50
8/19/22	MGR	Provide minor comments to plan language	.40	328.00
		TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$	44,601.00
		TOTAL THIS MATTER	\$ 4	44,601.00

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### RE: RETENTION/PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION/FEE

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
7/06/22	BLP	Work on June fee statement	.60	459.00
7/06/22	BLP	Begin drafting fee application	1.30	994.50
7/07/22	BLP	Finalize and send June fee statement	.20	153.00
7/08/22	BLP	Work on first interim fee application	.80	612.00
7/08/22	BLP	Comms with R. Banich re fee statement, application	.20	153.00
7/11/22	BLP	Continued work on fee application	.80	612.00
7/11/22	BLP	Comms with professionals re status of their fee applications	.20	153.00
7/12/22	BLP	Extensive work on fee application	3.40	2,601.00
7/12/22	BLP	Discussion with M. Peretz re accountant fee application	.20	153.00
7/12/22	BLP	Prepare and file all June fee statements in case	.70	535.50
7/13/22	BLP	Continued work on fee application and fee notice for all parties	1.30	994.50
7/13/22	BLP	Review special appellate counsel fee application and discussion re comments to same	.50	382.50
7/13/22	MGR	Review fee application, supporting declaration and proposed order and provide comments	.60	492.00
7/19/22	BLP	Review appellate counsel revised fee application and comment on same	.30	229.50
7/19/22	BLP	Review adversary counsel revised fee application and comment on same	.50	382.50
7/19/22	BLP	Review accountant fee application and comment on same	.30	229.50
7/19/22	BLP	Discussion with R. Banich re fee application (.2); discussion with A. Thaler re changes to fee application (.2)	.40	306.00
7/21/22	BLP	Review and file Thaler fee application (.2); review and file Banich fee application (.2)	.40	306.00
7/21/22	BLP	Review revised Flynn fee app and emails re same (.3); review further revisions to same (.2)	.50	382.50
7/22/22	BLP	File Flynn fee application (.2); emails re AOS filing, sending all applications to court (.2)	.40	306.00

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
7/27/22	BLP	Emails with professionals re fee hearing logistics	.20	153.00
8/02/22	BLP	Emails with all professionals re May fee payments and revise chart re same	.40	306.00
8/03/22	BLP	Prepare monthly fee statement and letter to client re same	.60	459.00
8/11/22	BLP	Prepare CNO for C&D fee application (.3); emails to professionals for amounts in sale order (.2); revise order (.2)	.70	535.50
8/12/22	BLP	Draft CNOs all other fee applications (.4); further revise fee order (.2)	.60	459.00
8/12/22	BLP	Prepare and file notices of July fee statements (all except Banich)	.40	306.00
8/14/22	BLP	File and email all CNOs to chambers re fee applications	.40	306.00
8/16/22	BLP	Emails and revise chart re payment of June fees (.3); prepare and file July fee statement Banich (.3)	.60	459.00
8/17/22	BLP	File and circulate Banich fee statement (.2); revise fee order and send to chambers (.4)	.60	459.00
8/18/22	BLP	Review fees in order and amend for error (.3); comms with chambers re same (.1); emails to client and all professionals re additional fee payments per order (.4)	.80	612.00
8/19/22	BLP	Review and emails re correction to fees to be paid to Thaler	.30	229.50
9/08/22	BLP	Work on monthly fee statement	.50	382.50
9/14/22	BLP	Prepare monthly statement	.30	229.50
9/16/22	BLP	Work on fee chart and emails re July fees, august fee statements	.40	306.00
		TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ :	15,639.00
		TOTAL THIS MATTER	\$ 1	15,639.00

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### RE: PREPARATION FOR/ATTEND COURT HEARING

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
7/19/22	BLP	Begin preparation for STN hearing	1.90	1,453.50
7/19/22	MGR	Review standing motion of NAHLA and reply and discuss issues for argument with B Pollack.	.60	492.00
7/20/22	BLP	Continued extensive preparation for STN hearing and review of case law re same	4.10	3,136.50
7/20/22	BLP	Attend STN hearing	1.00	765.00
7/20/22	MGR	Hearing on derivative standing	1.00	820.00
7/20/22	MGR	Conf w/ B Pollack regarding argument in opposition to derivative standing motion and preparation for hearing	.50	410.00
8/10/22	MGR	Conf w/ B Pollack regarding NAHLA objections and strategy for 8/17 hearing	.60	492.00
8/15/22	BLP	Prepare, file and email to all lengthy hearing agenda	1.10	841.50
8/15/22	BLP	Compile all pleadings for 8/17 hearings	.30	229.50
8/15/22	MGR	Review agenda and discuss hearing strategy w/ B Pollack	.40	328.00
8/16/22	BLP	Hearing prep (STN)	.60	459.00
8/16/22	BLP	Hearing prep (Sale)	1.00	765.00
8/16/22	BLP	Hearing prep (DS)	1.00	765.00
8/16/22	BLP	Hearing prep (fee app)	.50	382.50
8/16/22	BLP	Lengthy discussion with F. Stevens in prep for sale hearing	.50	382.50
8/16/22	MGR	Review and respond to emails from B Pollack regarding hearing strategy	.40	328.00
8/17/22	BLP	Prepare for and attend lengthy hearings on multiple matters in case	2.70	2,065.50
8/17/22	MGR	Attend omnibus hearing	1.00	820.00
9/13/22	BLP	Prepare and file hearing agenda (.4); review WT reply papers (.3) and prepare for WT hearing (.8)	1.50	1,147.50
9/13/22	BLP	Extensive preparation for hearing on trustee motion	4.30	3,289.50
9/14/22	BLP	Prepare for and attend court hearings	2.60	1,989.00

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
9/14/22	MGR	Pre hearing meeting w/ client and B Pollack regarding potential appointment of trustee and options/obligations of client	.50	410.00
9/14/22	MGR	Attend hearing to appoint trustee	1.00	820.00
		TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$	22,591.50
		TOTAL THIS MATTER	\$	22,591.50

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### RE: SERVICES RELATING TO LITIGATION

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
8/05/22	BLP	Emails with R. Banich re strategy re continuation of appeals	.20	153.00
8/08/22	BLP	Discussion with Thaler re discovery information needed for initial disclosures in adversary proceeding (.3); email information to Thaler (.2)	.50	382.50
		TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		\$ 535.50
		TOTAL THIS MATTER		\$ 535.50

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### RE: MOTION PRACTICE

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
8/01/22	BLP	Review Wilmington Trust pleading re STN motion	.20	153.00
8/02/22	BLP	Begin work on STN motion reply	.40	306.00
8/03/22	BLP	Continued preparation of reply re STN motion	2.10	1,606.50
8/03/22	MGR	Review and revise reply to motion for derivative standing and discuss same w/ B Pollack	.70	574.00
8/04/22	BLP	File and email service of reply re STN motion to Nahla, UST and Wilmington Trust (.3); review and respond to UST email re same (.2)	.50	382.50
8/17/22	MGR	Review of NAHLA motion to appoint trustee	1.00	820.00
8/22/22	BLP	Review and outline trustee motion	1.10	841.50
8/22/22	BLP	Review and outline WT motion re leave to file complaint	.70	535.50
8/23/22	BLP	Conferences re research needed for response to motions for trustee and extension of time	.40	306.00
8/23/22	MA	Summarize case law from trustee motion.	3.80	1,064.00
8/25/22	BLP	Begin response to WT motion	1.10	841.50
8/26/22	BLP	Work on response to Wilmington Trust motion	1.50	1,147.50
8/29/22	BLP	Revise response to Wilmington Trust motion	.90	688.50
8/29/22	MGR	Review reply to Wilmington Trust motion and discuss same with B Pollack	.50	410.00
8/31/22	BLP	Work on BP declaration re trustee motion	.60	459.00
8/31/22	BLP	Work on JK affidavit re trustee motion	1.20	918.00
9/01/22	BLP	Extensive work on JK affidavit for trustee motion including review of documents for same	2.30	1,759.50
9/02/22	BLP	Work on JK affidavit in response to trustee motion	2.80	2,142.00
9/02/22	MK	Legal research regarding Judge Glenn decision on appointment of operating trustee	.60	270.00
9/04/22	BLP	Extensive work on response to trustee motion	4.80	3,672.00

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
9/05/22	BLP	Discussion with client re affidavit re trustee motion, questions and information for same	1.30	994.50
9/05/22	BLP	Revise JK affidavit	.50	382.50
9/05/22	BLP	Work on opposition papers including review of case law	3.30	2,524.50
9/06/22	BLP	Extensive work on opposition to trustee motion legal papers and affidavits		5,125.50
9/06/22	MGR	Review and provide comments to declaration in opposition to motion to appoint trustee and discuss same with B Pollack	1.20	984.00
9/06/22	MK	Legal research regarding trustee appointment	2.40	1,080.00
9/06/22	MK	Prepare draft summary of legal research regarding trustee appointment and existence of potential avoidable transfers	1.30	585.00
9/06/22	MK	Legal research regarding ownership of joint accounts and prepare summary of same	1.10	495.00
9/07/22	BLP	Continued extensive work on revising and finalizing trustee opposition papers	5.60	4,284.00
9/07/22	MGR	Continued review and revision to opposition papers to appointment of trustee	1.30	1,066.00
9/07/22	MK	Review and revise draft opposition to trustee motion, particularly case citations and quotations	1.50	675.00
9/09/22	MGR	Review of reply to Wilmington Trust motion for authority to file dischargeability claim	.30	246.00
9/09/22	MGR	Review NAHLA reply and attached exhibits including deposition transcripts	1.20	984.00
9/11/22	BLP	Comms re use of transcript in case without ability to review and correct, etc.	.60	459.00
9/11/22	EIU	Emails with B. Pollack regarding FRCP 30(e) argument used in reply to motion to appoint trustee; legal research regarding issue, address follow up questions; brief phone conference with B. Pollack to discuss analysis and strategy to address at hearing.	2.00	1,170.00
9/12/22	BLP	Review Nahla reply re trustee motion	.60	459.00
9/12/22	BLP	Review deposition transcript attached to reply in preparation for hearing	.80	612.00
9/12/22	MGR	Discuss strategy concerning trustee motion w/ B Pollack	.30	246.00

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
9/13/22	MGR	Review and discuss strategy concerning motion for authority to file late dischargeability suit and related issue with claim	.30	246.00
9/13/22	MGR	Review and discuss hearing strategy w/ B Pollack (.3); discuss possible voluntary conversion of case (.3)	.60	492.00
9/14/22	MGR	Conf call w/ B Pollack and a Thaler regarding hearing and discussion regarding potential trustees and recommendation to UST	.30	246.00
		TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$	42,253.00
		TOTAL THIS MATTER	\$	42,253.00

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### **RE: OPERATING REPORTS**

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
7/08/22	BLP	Review and comment on MOR	.40	306.00
7/11/22	BLP	File June MOR and send to UST	.20	153.00
8/05/22	BLP	Review and comment on MOR and backup documents	.30	229.50
8/06/22	BLP	File MOR (.2); emails with UST re same (.2)	.40	306.00
9/08/22	BLP	Review and comment on MOR	.40	306.00
		TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		\$ 1,300.50
		TOTAL THIS MATTER		\$ 1,300.50

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RE: TRAVEL

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
7/29/22	BLP	Travel to and from NYC for deposition	3.00	1,147.50
7/29/22	MGR	Travel to and from NYC for deposition of J Klaynberg	3.00	1,230.00
8/04/22	BLP	Travel to/from NYC for deposition	3.00	1,147.50
		TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		\$ 3,525.00
		TOTAL THIS MATTER		\$ 3,525.00

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### **RE: NAHLA 2004 MOTION**

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
7/01/22	BLP	Continued review/production of documents	2.80	2,142.00
7/05/22	BLP	Review additional document for production		459.00
7/06/22	BLP	engthy discussions with client re documents in production, ommunications re matrimonial		535.50
7/06/22	BLP	Continued review and production of documents	1.00	765.00
7/06/22	MGR	Review and advise on privilege issue concerning document production	.30	246.00
7/06/22	KM	Preparation of privilege log.	1.00	200.00
7/07/22	BLP	Review continued documents and conference re privilege log needed (.5); discussion with client re same (.2)	.70	535.50
7/08/22	BLP	Emails with client regarding discovery documents	.30	229.50
7/08/22	KM	Assisted in compilation of document production.	2.50	500.00
7/11/22	BLP	Review additional documents received from client for production	.50	382.50
7/11/22	KM	Preparation of privilege log.	.80	160.00
7/13/22	KM	Assisted in compilation of document production.	1.70	340.00
7/14/22	BLP	Continued work on document production matters	.40	306.00
7/14/22	BLP	Prepare status letter re discovery and compile documents re same	.40	306.00
7/14/22	KM	Assisted in compilation of document production.	.80	160.00
7/15/22	BLP	Finalize and file status letter re document production	.20	153.00
7/15/22	BLP	Review and respond to Nahla questions re document production (.4); comms with client re same (.3)	.70	535.50
7/18/22	BLP	Extensive work on remaining document production, preparation of privilege log	4.40	3,366.00
7/19/22	BLP	Finalize privlege log and production and send final production	1.20	918.00
7/19/22	BLP	Review Nahla status letter to court re discovery(.1); emails with Nahla and debtor re scheduling deposition (.2); emails with Nahla re Emily deposition (.1)	.40	306.00

Date	Init	Description	Hours	Amount
7/19/22	BLP	Review Nahla order re debtor deposition and Schwab discovery (.2); comms with Nahla re same (.2)		306.00
7/19/22	MGR	Discuss scheduling preparation issues w/ J Klaynberg Deposition	.50	410.00
7/21/22	BLP	Prepare outline of items for preparation for Nahla deposition	.50	382.50
7/25/22	BLP	Meeting with client to prepare for deposition	3.50	2,677.50
7/25/22	MGR	Conf w/ client and B Pollack in preparation for 2004 Deposition of J Klaynberg	2.50	2,050.00
7/27/22	BLP	Review Kovel documents and assemble for production (.3); emails re use of mediation charts at deposition (.1)	.40	306.00
7/27/22	MGR	Review document production in preparation for client 2004 exam	.50	410.00
7/28/22	MGR	Review mediation statements and org charts in preparation for deposition	1.20	984.00
7/29/22	BLP	Attend deposition and conference with client after same	7.00	5,355.00
7/29/22	MGR	Attend depostion of J Klaynberg	7.00	5,740.00
8/04/22	BLP	Attend deposition of Emily Klaynberg	3.00	2,295.00
8/04/22	BLP	Discussion with M. Roseman re Emily Klaynberg deposition	.30	229.50
8/04/22	MGR	Phone conf w/ B Pollack regarding deposition of Emily Klaynberg	.30	246.00
8/09/22	BLP	Review documents requested by Nahla to unseal	.30	229.50
8/16/22	BLP	Comms with Nahla re request to unseal identity of individual members of entities	.20	153.00
		TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$	34,319.50
		TOTAL THIS MATTER	\$ :	34,319.50
		TOTAL THIS INVOICE	\$ 2!	50,040.00

### Exhibit G

### **Disbursement Summary**

Disbursement	Total		
Court Filing Fees	\$376.00		
Postage	\$1,156.67		
Overnight Mail	\$149.90		
Photocopies (\$.10/page)	\$614.20		
Discovery Production/Scanning	\$116.30		
Online Research	\$247.06		
Local Travel	\$120.75		
TOTAL:	\$2,780.88		

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### RE: DISBURSEMENTS

### **DISBURSEMENTS**

Date	Description	Amount
7/14/22	BONNIE POLLACK, OUTSIDE SERVICES, SCANNING LARGE DOCUMENT TO BE SENT TO	21.72
	OFFICE, BLP/KM	
7/14/22	BONNIE POLLACK, OUTSIDE SERVICES, SCANNING LARGE DOCUMENT TO BE SENT TO	49.50
	OFFICE, BLP/KM	
7/14/22	BONNIE POLLACK, OUTSIDE SERVICES, SCANNING LARGE DOCUMENT TO BE SENT TO	45.08
	OFFICE, BLP/KM	
7/14/22	GC PHOTOCOPY, # of Copies: 3362 @ 0.10 per unit	336.20
7/14/22	GC PHOTOCOPY, # of Copies: 952 @ 0.10 per unit	95.20
7/15/22	POSTAGE 07/15/2022, SK/BP	89.19
7/15/22	POSTAGE 07/15/2022, SK/BP	110.10
7/15/22	GC PHOTOCOPY, # of Copies: 979 @ 0.10 per unit	97.90
7/15/22	GC PHOTOCOPY, # of Copies: 638 @ 0.10 per unit	63.80
7/22/22	POSTAGE 07/22/2022, SK/BP	17.28
7/22/22	GC PHOTOCOPY, # of Copies: 121 @ 0.10 per unit	12.10
7/27/22	ON-LINE RESEARCH (E106), MCNAMEE, KELLY, INV# 846612775	82.31
7/27/22	ON-LINE RESEARCH (E106), FRANZETTI, SARAH, INV# 846612775	63.61
7/27/22	ON-LINE RESEARCH (E106), FRANZETTI, SARAH, INV# 846612775	47.49
7/27/22	ON-LINE RESEARCH (E106), MCNAMEE, KELLY, INV# 846612775	7.90
7/27/22	ON-LINE RESEARCH (E106), MCNAMEE, KELLY, INV# 846612775	7.90
7/27/22	ON-LINE RESEARCH (E106), MCNAMEE, KELLY, INV# 846612775	15.79
7/27/22	ON-LINE RESEARCH (E106), MCNAMEE, KELLY, INV# 846612775	2.50
7/28/22	POSTAGE 07/28/2022, SK/BP	5.90
7/28/22	GC PHOTOCOPY, # of Copies: 90 @ 0.10 per unit	9.00
8/02/22	BONNIE POLLACK, OUT-OF-TOWN TRAVEL, FOR TRAIN FARE FOR TRAVEL TO/FROM NYC,	28.00
	BLP/KM	
8/02/22	BONNIE POLLACK, OUT-OF-TOWN TRAVEL, FOR SUBWAY FARE FOR TRAVEL TO/FROM	5.50
	DEPOSITION, BLP/KM	
8/03/22	FEDEX, DELIVERY SERVICES/MESSENGER (E107), INV # 7-829-87938 DTD 07/25/2022	14.71
	SENT TO CHAMBERS OF HON. MARTIN GLENN @ US BANKRUPTCY COURT, SDNY ON	
	07/15/2022, BLP/KM	
8/05/22	BONNIE POLLACK, OUT-OF-TOWN TRAVEL, FOR TRAIN FARE FOR TRAVEL TO/FROM NYC	28.00
	FOR DEPOSITION, BLP/KM	
8/05/22	BONNIE POLLACK, OUT-OF-TOWN TRAVEL, FOR SUBWAY FARE FOR TRAVEL TO/FROM	5.75
	DEPOSITION, BLP/KM	
8/09/22	POSTAGE 08/09/2022, SK/BP	95.85

Date	Description	Amount
8/09/22	FEDEX, DELIVERY SERVICES/MESSENGER (E107), INV # 7-836-70504 DTD 08/01/2022	15.29
0,03,22	SENT TO CHAMBERS HON. MARTIN GLENN @ US BANKRUPTCY COURT, SDNY ON	
	07/22/2022, BLP/KM	
8/09/22	FEDEX, DELIVERY SERVICES/MESSENGER (E107), INV # 7-836-70504 DTD 08/01/2022	15.35
0/03/22	SENT TO CHAMBER HON. MARTIN GLENN @ US BANKRUPTCY COURT, SDNY ON	10.00
	07/28/2022, BLP/KM	
8/18/22	MATTHEW ROSEMAN, OUT-OF-TOWN TRAVEL, FOR PARKING FOR TRAVEL TO NYC FOR	20.00
0/10/22	DEPOSITION, MGR/KM	20.00
8/18/22	MATTHEW ROSEMAN, OUT-OF-TOWN TRAVEL, FOR LIRR FARE FOR TRAVEL TO NYC FOR	33.50
0/10/22	DEPOSITION, MGR/KM	33.30
8/19/22	FEDEX, DELIVERY SERVICES/MESSENGER (E107), INV # 7-844-54789 DTD 08/08/2022	15.26
0/13/22	SENT TO CHAMBERS OF HON. MARTIN GLENN @ US BANKRUPTCY COURT, SDNY ON	15.20
	08/01/2022, BLP/KM	
8/23/22	FEDEX, DELIVERY SERVICES/MESSENGER (E107), INV # 7-851-89243 DTD 08/15/2022	15.26
0/23/22	SENT TO CHAMBER OF HON. MARTIN GLENN @ US BANKRUPTCY COURT, SDNY ON	15.20
	08/05/2022, BLP/KM	
8/23/22	FEDEX, DELIVERY SERVICES/MESSENGER (E107), INV # 7-851-89243 DTD 08/15/2022	24.06
0/23/22	SENT TO CHAMBER OF HON. MARTIN GLENN @ U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT, SDNY ON	24.00
	08/09/2022, BLP/KM	
8/26/22	CHASE CARD SERVICES, COURT FEES, CONFIRM# 6157389079 DTD 09/10/2022 FOR	188.00
0/20/22	MOTION TO SELL FILING FEE AT NEW YORK SOUTHERN BANKRUPTCY COURT ON	100.00
	07/15/2022, BLP/KM	
8/26/22	FEDEX, DELIVERY SERVICES/MESSENGER (E107), INV # 7-858-59513 DTD 08/22/2022	14.41
0/20/22	SENT TO CHAMBERS OF HON. MARTIN GLENN @ U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN	2
	DISTRICT OF NY ON 08/12/2022, BLP/KM	
9/01/22	POSTAGE 09/01/2022, BP/SK	92.50
9/02/22	POSTAGE 09/02/2022, 71 @ \$9.45 each, BP/SK	656.75
9/07/22	BONNNIE POLLACK, COURT FEES, FOR SALE MOTION FILING FEE, BLP/KM	188.00
9/07/22	POSTAGE 09/07/2022, SK/BP	89.10
9/19/22	FEDEX, DELIVERY SERVICES/MESSENGER (E107), INV # 7-880-57074 DTD 09/12/2022	21.15
3/13/11	SENT TO CHAMBERS OF HON. M ARTIN GLENN @ UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT	
	SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK ON 09/07/2022, BLP/KM	
9/28/22	ON-LINE RESEARCH (E106), ODURO, ALBERT, INV# 846952421	19.56
9/30/22	FEDEX, DELIVERY SERVICES/MESSENGER (E107), INV # 7-887-20193 DTD 09/19/2022	14.41
-11	SENT TO FRED STEVENS, ESQ. @ KLESTADT WINTERS JURELLER ET, ON 09/13/2022,	
	BLP/KM	
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	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 2,780.88
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	TOTAL THIS MATTER	\$ 2,780.88

## Exhibit H Amended Order Granting First Interim Application

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UNITED STATES BANKKUPTCY COURT	
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
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In re:	: Chapter 11
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JOSEPH KLAYNBERG,	: Case No. 22-10165 (MG)
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Debtor.	:
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### AMENDED ORDER GRANTING APPLICATIONS FOR ALLOWANCE OF INTERIM COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

Upon consideration of Applications for Allowance of Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses (the "Applications") for professional services rendered and expenses incurred during the period commencing February 11, 2022 through June 30, 2022; and a hearing having been held before this court to consider the Applications on August 17, 2022; and notice having been given pursuant to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002(a)(6) and (c)(2) and this Court's *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Retained Professionals* (Dkt. No. 45); and due consideration having been given to any responses thereto; and sufficient cause having been shown therefor, it is hereby;

**ORDERED** that the Applications are granted to the extent set forth in the attached Schedule "A".

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 18, 2022 New York, New York

/s/ Martin Glenn
MARTIN GLENN
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

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Case No.: 22-10165 (MG) Case Name: Joseph Klaynberg

## CURRENT INTERIM FEE PERIOD

[February 11, 2022 to June 30, 2022]

Schedule A

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Expenses to be Paid for Current Fee Period (less amounts paid per monthly fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(9) Interim Expenses Requested	\$2,223.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(8) Total Fees to be Paid	\$58,624.66	\$2,724.50	\$3,169.60	\$3,472.00
Fees to be Paid for Prior Fee Prior Fee Period (if any)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fees to be Paid for Current Fee Period (less amounts paid per monthly fee	\$58,624.66	\$2,724.50	\$3,169.60	\$3,472.00
(5) Fees Awarded	\$280,699.50	\$15,622.50	\$15,847.00	\$4,240.00
(4) Fees Allowed	\$280,699.50	\$15,622.50	\$15,847.00	\$4,240.00
(3) Interim Fees Requested on Application	\$280,699.50	\$16,122.50	\$15,847.00	\$5,080.00
(2) Date/Doc. No. of Application	7/15/22 [Dkt. 134]	7/21/22 [Dkt. 147]	7/22/22 [Dkt. 151]	7/21/22 [Dkt. 146]
(1) Applicant	Cullen and Dykman LLP	The Thaler Law Firm	Lehman Flynn Vollaro CPAs PLLC	Tsyngauz & Associates, PC

DATE ON WHICH ORDER WAS SIGNED. August 18, 2022

INITIALS: MG USBJ